GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:423
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2005
NATIONAL CITIZENS REGISTER IN ASSAM
Sonowal Shri Sarbananda

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the tripartite talk held between the Union Government, Government of Assam and All Assam Students` Union it was agreed to prepare an upgraded National Citizens Register (NCR) of Assam on the basis of NCR 1951 and the electoral rolls prepared between 1952 and 1971;

(b) if so, whether any time-frame has been agreed upon between the Government of Assam and the Union Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not laying down a time-frame and allowing the scheme to drag on indefinitely?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 423 FOR 26.4.2005 RAISED BY SHRI SARBANAND SONOWAL REGARDING NATIONAL CITIZENS REGISTER IN ASSAM.

(a) In the tripartite meeting held on 01.07.1999, All Assam Students Union (AASU) had urged that the National Citizens Register in Assam be updated.

(b) & (c): State Government has reported that Register of Citizens are not available in all districts of Assam. However, all out efforts are being continued by Government of Assam to computerize the available records. State Government has also issued instructions to the Deputy Commissioners for safe custody of available Registers.